"In vain will you found missions and build schools, if you are not able to wield the offensive and defensive weapons of a loyal Catholic press."
—Pope Benedict XV.

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Determined Effort Has Been Started to Clean Up the Metropolitan Stage

Dublin Cathedral Will Be Built in 1938 On Magnificent Site

Merrion Square, Private Park of Twelve Acres, Has Been Purchased by Diocesan Authorities—Was Exclusive Residential Section for Many Centuries—Will Make An Ideal Site

THE NEW CATHEDRAL WILL BE ERECTED IN HEART OF ESTATE OF LORD PEMBROKE

Dublin, Aug. 15.—Announcement has just been made by the Most Rev. Edward Byrne, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin, that he has purchased Merrion Square, a beautiful private park of 12½ acres in the heart of the city, as a site for the new Cathedral which will be erected in 1938. The site is the most beautiful and imposing in all Dublin, and its purchase has aroused the greatest of enthusiasm all over Ireland.

Once the Seat of Bigotry

Time writes truth with an inexorable hand. Long ago Merrion Square was the seat of bigotry and hostility to the Catholic Church in Ireland, as well as to all movements for the betterment and independence of Ireland. On three sides of the Square are fine old Georgian mansions, erected in the days of the early King Georges. These were occupied for centuries chiefly by men whose whole feelings were hostile to the Catholic faith. The erection of a great Catholic Cathedral in the heart of the beautiful park upon which these old mansions front seems to the Irish people like an act of retribution, almost, for the harm done to the Church long ago by the residents of these mansions.

Possession Given in 1938

The property was bought from Lord Pembroke, and the purchase price was $50,000. Possession cannot be given until 1938, due to the fact that the Square is governed by a Commission, a Statutory body brought into being by an act of Parliament in 1791 for a period of 147 years. The life of this Commission will expire on May 1, 1938, and at that time Merrion Square, its park an dold mansions, will be turned over to the authorities of the Catholic Church.

America Will Help

The Archbishop of Dublin has little or no funds on hand now for the erection of a great national Cathedral in Dublin. But it is believed he will be able to collect a large fund by 1938. The Hibernian and kindred Irish societies in America and elsewhere the world over will undoubtedly help in a generous way, and it has already been suggested that the Hibernians of Amer-

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Yale Professor Praises Catholics for Believing In the Divinity of Christ

If Christ Was Not Divine, Prof. William Lyon Phelps Says We Might Just as Well Sing Hymns to Emerson, Socrates and Confucius.

New Haven, Aug. 15.—Keen interest and much discussion have been aroused by an article in the August number of Scribner's magazine by Dr. William Lyon Phelps, of Yale University, a non-Catholic, and one of the foremost of American critics. Dr. Phelps' article reviews a recent book on the death of Christ, written by a man who takes the attitude so common to-day among Protestant ministers and so-called professors of divinity that Christ was not divine, but was merely an unusual man. Dr. Phelps criticizes this view sharply, and warmly commends the attitude of the Catholic Church in the matter.

Might As Well Close Churches

"If Our Lord did not rise from the dead, there is no use in getting excited about the Christian religion," Dr. Phelps writes. "We might just as well go to church and sing symns in honor of Emerson, Socrates and Confucius—excellent fellows, all of them; and who in one respect were better morally than Jesus, for the last thing they would have claimed was that they were divine.

"If there is no supernatural foundation for the Christian religion, then the sensible thing to do is to get along as best we can, without the assistance of the expensive church, a paid professional expounder, and a ritual that solemnly recites a fairy tale.

Catholic Churches Crowded

"Why do so many Catholics go to church and why do so many Protestants stay away? The answer is obvious. If the minister himself does not believe in the divine origin of the Christian religion, or in the future life, why listen to a moral homily or a lecture on social science?

"Thomas Hardy loved the English church service, and was a frequent visitor. He deeply regretted that the Catholic Church did not rationalize its faith; and also that the Church of England did not revise its creed.

"Now, as a matter of fact, if the Roman Catholics rationalized their faith, they would scuttle the ship. All the talk today about neglect of church-going, and so on, applies only to us Protestants. The Catholics need no sympathy because they have no problem. Not only are the Catholic Churches crowded—I have never attended one that was not—but they are steadily increasing in number. When I was a boy in New Haven, there were only three Catholic churches in town; now there are thirty.

Rise in Catholic Prestige

"But an even more astounding fact, a fact that seems to me to have enormous significance, is the Catholic rise in social prestige. When I was a child, I was ignorant of European conditions and of the real nature of Catholic Christian worship. I honestly believed there were no intelligent Catholics; I thought all Catholics were ignorant, that they all belonged to the class of unskilled laborers. I was not acquainted with a single Catholic family of any social consequence.

"Today the situation is totally different. At Yale there are far more Catholic undergraduates than there are Baptists; one meets intelligent Catholics everywhere, and in England such distinguished men of letters as G. K. Chesterton, Maurice Baring, Compton Mackenzie, Alfred

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Vatican To Have Consuls In Places Represented Now

Vatican City, Aug. 15.—La Tribuna today reports that the Vatican is considering the appointment of consuls, or individuals to function as such, in countries where the Holy See now is represented by Papal Nuncios.

The necessity for having consuls to represent the interests of individuals in Vatican City is said to have been shown by difficulties arising over the personal effects of the late Cardinal Vannutelli after his death.

It is stated by the newspaper that the Vatican probably will appoint prelates already attached to the nunciatures, giving them the consular authority.

Crown Princess Of Belgium Has Become Convert

BRUSSELS.—The populace of Belgium has been stirred by the announcement that Crown Princess Astrid has become a Catholic. She is the niece of the king of Sweden and at the time of her marriage several years ago was a Lutheran. With practically no exceptions the members of the Belgian royal family are all Catholics. In joining the faith of her husband, the Crown Prince, the princess is said to have taken a step long anticipated. Her formal reception into the church took place in the arch-episcopal chapel Cardinal Van Roey officiated.

PRINCESS ASTRID

Church Plans Large Theatre In New Jersey

Building to Cost $150,000 Will be Erected for Presentation of Passion Play and for Pictures.

Union City, Aug. 15.—A $150,000 theater building, to be used for an annual passion play during the Lenten season and possibly for talking motion pictures at other times, will be erected this Fall by the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Family, in Union City, according to an announcement yesterday by the Rev. Joseph M. Grieff, pastor.

The building will be a three-story brick structure containing eight classrooms in addition to the theatre and auditorium. The classrooms will serve as an annex to its present high school quarters, near Thirty-second Street and Central Avenue.

For the past nine years the Church of the Holy Family has been presenting plays in a small auditorium in the rear of the church, and has specialized in the Passion Play, which has drawn large audiences. The need of larger quarters has been felt for a long time. The new theatre will seat 1,400 persons and it will be finely equipped for plays and for pictures.

Is Not Affected By Great Wealth At Her Command

LORETTO, PA.—Mrs. Pauline Schwab, mother of Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation is one mother unaffected by the wealth and prominence of her son. Despite her prominence and the opportunity of going elsewhere to reside in luxury Mrs. Schwab, old in years but active and young in spirit, has elected to spend practically all of her life in Loretto where her interests have centered around St. Michael's Church and St. Francis College which her son has liberally endowed.

MRS. PAULINE SCHWAB

Laymen To Help In Eucharistic Congress Plans

Bishop Rummel of Omaha Organizes One Hundred Men to Co-operate with Clergy in Congress Activities.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 15.—One hundred Omaha men, including leading laymen of the 35 local Catholic parishes as well as heads of various local Catholic organizations, met at the Knights of Columbus club Monday evening at the call of Bishop Joseph F. Rummel to form an organization of Catholic laymen of the Omaha diocese, which will co-operate with the committee of clergy in arranging for the Sixth National Eucharistic Congress to be held in Omaha, September 23d to 25th.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James W. Stenson, Vicar-General of the diocese and chairman of the general congress committee, presided.

Frank J. Burkley, who recently headed the Bishop's Confraternity of the Laity diocesan campaign, was named honorary chairman of the laymen's committee.

Francis P. Matthews, who holds the papal rank of Knight of St. Gregory, was named active chairman of the lay committee, which will co-operate with the clergy committee in arranging for the congress, which is expected to draw thousands of Catholic clergy and lay men and women to Omaha from every section of the United States in September.

Frank A. McDevitt was appointed secretary of the general committee, and Leo A. Hoffman, treasurer.

Coolidges Were Guests of Honor At Church Event

Ware, Mass., Aug. 15.—Former President and Mrs. Calvin C. Coolidge were guests of honor when some 7,500 Americans of Polish descent gathered here recently to celebrate the silver jubilee of St. Mary's Catholic parish in this city and to participate in the convention of the order of Polish Falcons.

Thieves Fail In Effort to Get Sacred Vessels

Enter St. Peter's Church, Staten Island and Use a Sledge Hammer on Safe That Held Gold Chalice and Monstrance.

Brighton, S. I., Aug. 15.—The Rev. Joseph A. Farrell, pastor of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, on St. Peter's Place, New Brighton, S. I., of which the late Cardinal Farley was pastor for many years, notified police Monday that burglars had forced an entrance to the edifice and made a desperate effort to steal the church's collection of sacred vessels—a solid gold monstrance, studded with jewels, chalices and containers for the Host, valued conservatively at $20,000. These articles had been locked in the safe after services on Sunday.

After trying in vain to force open the big safe with a sledge hammer, the thieves gave up the task, and stole the contents of the poor-boxes which hung on the wall of the church, amounting to about $80. Entrance to the church was gained by forcing a rear basement window. St. Peter's is the largest Catholic Church on Staten Island.

To Consecrate Mission Bishop On Sept. 17th

The Very Rev. Sylvester Espelage, O.F.M., Prefect Apostolic at Wuchang, China, to be Consecrated.

Cincinnati, Aug. 15.—The Very Rev. Sylvester Espelage, O.F.M., Prefect Apostolic at Wuchang, Hupeh Province, China, will be consecrated Bishop in St. Francis' Church in this city on Wednesday, September 17. The ceremony will be an outstanding event in the annals of mission activities of the Catholic Church in America. Very Rev. Urban Freundt, O.F.M., provincial, is proceeding with the sanction and assistance of Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., in arranging the services as to give them a distinctively "mission" air.

Msgr. Espelage will be accompanied from the Chinese missions by priests and prelates who have long served in the foreign field and who will have a conspicuous part in the ceremony.

Archbishop A. T. Daeger, O.F.M., Archbishop of Santa Fe, N. M., whose entire priestly career has been spent in the Spanish-speaking missions of the Southwest, and who is the only Franciscan prelate of the American hierarchy, will be the consecrator.

Rt. Rev. Giovanni Pellegrino Mondaini, O.F.M., vicar apostolic of Chang Sha, China, and Rt. Rev Noel Gubbels, O.F.M., vicar apostolic of Ichang, China, will be the co-consecrators.

Very Rev. Msgr. Frank A. Thill, who is the archdiocesan director of mission activities, and who is constantly in communication with the missions of the Church throughout the world, will preach the sermon.

Hundreds of representatives of the various religious societies which have members at work in the foreign field will gather at St. Francis Church for this extraordinary service.

Yankee Stadium And Polo Grounds Football Games

New York, Aug. 15.—At least seven important football games by Catholic colleges will be played this Fall at the Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds. These games are as follows:

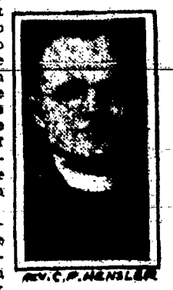
At the Stadium—Oct. 11, Villanova vs. New York University; Oct. 25, Fordham vs. New York University; Nov. 15, Georgetown vs. New York University.

At the Polo Grounds—Manhattan vs. Oglethorpe, a night game; Nov. 1, Fordham vs. West Virginia; Nov. 15, Fordham vs. St. Mary's, and Nov. 22, Fordham vs. Bucknell.

All of these games, it is expected, will draw large crowds.

Will Go to China To Join Faculty Of Catholic Univ.

PITTSBURGH.—In a few days the Rev. Carl P. Hensler, advocate of the Pittsburgh diocesan curia sails for Peking, China, where he will join the faculty of the Catholic University there. He is one of the first secular priests to be appointed to the staff of the university which is under the direction of the Benedictines. He is a graduate of St. Vincent College and of the North American College in Rome. He holds the degree of doctorate in sacred theology. While in Rome he took first prize in Dogmatic Theology in the Concursus of 1922. He is a native of Braddock, Pa., and is thirty-two years old.



REV. C. P. HENSLER

Criticism Of Pulpit Politics Not Welcomed

Clergyman at Virginia Institute of Public Affairs Stirs up Hornets' Nest by Denouncing Political Sermons.

Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 15.—The Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier, of St. Louis, Mo., a Protestant clergyman, stirred up a hornets' nest here last week when he denounced church lobbies, political sermons and political activities by the clergy and church organizations.

Friends of the political Bishop Cannon of the M. E. Church, South, resented his talk as being indirectly aimed at the Bishop, and they were sharply critical of Dr. Maier and of what he said.

The advocates of Prohibition, felt, too, that Dr. Maier was aiming at the way they have used their pulpits for the cause, and they, too, resented his talk. No address during the past week caused so much comment. The views of Dr. Maier, of course, had many supporters at the Institute.

A New Cardinal

CARDINAL FRANCIS MARCHETTI

One of the most popular and best known members of the College of Cardinals is his Eminence Cardinal Francis Marchetti, who recently received the Red Hat after seven and one-half years of distinguished service as secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda.

Priest Too Late To See Mother, Dying Far Away

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 15.—The Rev. Hugh L. McMenamin, rector of the Denver Cathedral, who speeded East to be at the bedside of his dying mother, Mrs. Anna McMenamin, aged 88, arrived here Sunday, too late to see his mother. She died late Friday. Father McMenamin missed an airplane connection in the middle West, and this delayed him on his trip.

Misery loves company and always manages to have some around.

Catholic Theater Movement Launches Attack on Evil Plays

Msgr. M. J. Lavelle, Rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, Issues Statement Declaring That Metropolitan Stage is an Outrage of Public Decency—Only Two Plays on the "White List."

New York, Aug. 15.—A vigorous attack upon evil and obscene plays in New York City was launched here last Sunday by the Catholic Theater Movement, of which Cardinal Hayes is honorary President, and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, the director.

Msgr. Lavelle declared that the stage in New York this Summer had sunk so low that it had become an "outrage of public decency" and the "dishonor of America's finest, noblest and most hospitable city."

Carroll's Vanities a Spur

It is believed that the crusade against immoral plays was inspired at this time by the presentation of Earl Carroll's "Vanities," a production so "raw" that it called for police action, with the resultant stoppage of the play and the arrest of Carroll and several leading members of his company.

Fifteen hundred copies of the Summer Bulletin of the Catholic Theater Movement were distributed at the doors of St. Patrick's Cathedral Sunday morning, and it was through the Bulletin that the attack was launched.

Two Plays Criticized

An editorial in the Bulletin made sharp criticism of two recent productions, one "Lysistrata," the adaptation of Aristophane's comedy by Gilbert Seldes, now being played, and the second the "Vanities" of Earl Carroll.

The editorial follows:

"A climax of unabashed paganism and mockery, as audacious an assault upon public decency as has ever been perpetrated on our stage, cannot, it seems, be reached by the police.

"Another production, specifically claiming to be artistic, but which, in the words of a prominent critic, is meant to be "rude and leering and close to the mood of the gutter," has actually come within the clutches of the law.

"Playgoers who hold by Christian (and at least one time) American traditions of decency will regret that in the first of these cases the law could not function, but will gratefully realize that, in the other, there was found sufficient warrant to bring up the offenders to public equilibrium.

"It is to be borne in mind that in these two instances there is only shown the logical outcome of the decadence in the theatre which has grown stronger year by year.

"It now does [illegible]

Archbishop Messmer Buried in Switzerland In Village of His Birth

Milwaukee Prelate Funeral Was Day of Mourning for the Residents of Place Where He Was Born Eighty-three Years Ago—Nephew Celebrated High Mass.

Goldbach, Switzerland, Aug. 15.—August 7th was a day of mourning in this little Swiss village. There was hardly any business done, no work in the green fields that roll down to Lake Constance and there was no school, for a son of Goldach, who had risen higher than any son of Goldach in centuries, was dead.

Sebastian Messmer, Archbishop of Milwaukee, whom some of the oldest villagers had heard celebrate his first Mass in the village church as a young priest before leaving for the New World fifty-nine years ago, was being buried in the grave his father had occupied.

The Little Home Church

Weather-beaten peasant fathers and mothers were at the church all this morning and their children with them, little boys in stiff Sunday clothes and little girls with wreaths of white flowers in their hair and black sashes cutting across white dresses. They filled the little church and heard Mgr. Hoefliger, of a church in a neighboring town, tell of the Archbishop, who had been baptized and received his first communion in that church just as they had.

They heard how he had gone to Newark, N. J., and later to Milwaukee, of his pious works for the Church in a city larger than any in Switzerland, of his work for education in the fabulous land overseas and of the love he had always retained for the village that was theirs. And when the Pontifical requiem had been chanted and the last of five absolutions pronounced and the flame had gone from the candles held by the clergy, they filed by the grave under the crucifix in front of the church and were blessed with holy water.

Nephew Celebrated Mass

More than a hundred of the clergy from far and near came to pay the last honors. There was Cardinal Piffl of Vienna, grateful for the help Archbishop Messmer had given famished Viennese in the days after the war, and there were the Archbishop's nephews, Msgr. Bonaventura Egger, Abbot of the Benedictine Monastery at Engleberg, who pontificated, and Bishop Joseph Ambuehl of Basle, Bishop Georgeus Schmidt von Gruenegg of Chur, and the abbots of the Benedictine monasteries of Einsedeln and Disentis and of the Cistercian monastery of Mererau.

Msgr. Auguste Breig of Milwaukee, who had been the Archbishop's traveling companion for six years and who had given him extreme unction when he died Monday morning, was present and there were five other priests from the Archbishop's Wisconsin diocese vacationing in Europe whom the news of his death had brought to Goldach. Msgr. Sailer and Father Joseph Lederer, Edward Kersting, Theodore Rohner and A. J. Zingen.

Eulogy By Msgr. Hoefliger

Msgr. Hoefliger, who pronounced the eulogy, had known the Archbishop when he himself was in America collecting funds for his diocese church. Absolution was given by the Abbot of Einsiedeln, the Bishops of Basle and Chur, Cardinal Piffl and Msgr. Egger. The customary Catholic ceremony followed, the high mass being the first celebrated in the church since the restoration was started several years ago.

A message of condolence was received from the archdiocese of Milwaukee, which also requested the body for burial. The Archbishop, however, had said that if he died in Milwaukee he wished to be buried there, but if in his home village, which he was accustomed to visit every year, he wanted to be buried in Goldach, and his wish was respected.

Archbishop Glennon Sails

St. Louis, Aug. 15.—Archbishop Glennon sailed Saturday for Europe, where he will remain through August, returning in time to preach the first Autumn sermon at the St. Louis Cathedral, September 7th. He expects to visit friends in Ireland.

Nun is Awarded Highest Honors In State Exams

Akron, O., Aug. 15.—Sister [illegible] Adelaide of St. Joseph [illegible] conducted by Sisters of [illegible] mility of Mary, Lorain, [illegible] 95 successful applicants [illegible] cy certificates awarded [illegible] ago by the Ohio Board [illegible] Akron, O.

Sister Adelaide [illegible] state pharmacy [illegible] topping the [illegible] class, who [illegible] She is a graduate [illegible] pharmacy [illegible] city, and [illegible] for the hospital [illegible] supervision [illegible] and in [illegible]